GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Bogibeel Bridge on Brahmaputra River
Teli Shri Rameswar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of Bogibeel bridge over the river Brahmaputra is getting delayed resulting in huge cost escalation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons for the inordinate delay in completing the project;

(c) the details of funds spent so far on the aforesaid project; and

(d) the measures taken by the Railways to expedite the execution of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Construction of Rail-cum-Road bridge over Brahmaputra at Bogibeel with linking lines (73 km) has been taken up at an anticipated cost of `4996 crore. An expenditure of `4129 crore has been incurred upto March, 2016 and an outlay of `598 crore has been provided in 2016-17.

The project has mainly suffered in the past on account of inadequate availability of funds, apart from delays in land acquisition and forestry clearances.
To expedite the completion of work, the annual outlays have been enhanced, and against an allotment of `340 crore in the year 2013-14, budget allotments of `600 crore and `701 crore have been made in the year 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively.

The bridge is to have 39 spans of 125 meter each and 2 spans of 32.75 meter each. Work on superstructure has been completed. First time in Indian Railway, completely welded girders have been adopted and so far 21 spans have been launched.

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